

ORDER**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION****8260.26C****3/12/99****SUBJ: ESTABLISHING AND SCHEDULING STANDARD INSTRUMENT
PROCEDURE EFFECTIVE DATES**

1. PURPOSE. This order provides policy for establishing public use standard instrument approach procedure (SIAP) and departure procedure (DP) effective dates. It ensures that aeronautical charts and supporting data will not be released to the public until it is known that the navigation equipment will perform satisfactorily, that all procedural data are correct, and that associated airspace has been properly designated. It further ensures that effective dates for the procedure **WILL NOT** be assigned by the FAA until all necessary action has been completed.

2. DISTRIBUTION. This order is distributed in Washington headquarters to the branch level in the Offices of Communications, Navigation, and Surveillance Systems and Airport Safety and Standards; to Flight Standards, Air Traffic, and Airway Facilities Services; to the National Flight Data Center (NFDC); to the National Flight Procedures Office (NFPO); and Regulatory Standards Division at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center; to the branch level in the regional Flight Standards, Air Traffic, Airway Facilities, and Airports Divisions; to all Flight Inspection Offices; International Flight Inspection Office; special mailing list ZVN-826; and Special Military and Public Addressees.

3. CANCELLATION. Order 8260.26B, Establishing and Scheduling Instrument Approach Procedures Effective Dates, dated June 1, 1987, is canceled.

4. EXPLANATION OF CHANGES.

a. Functional area distribution codes and responsibilities are updated to reflect organizational changes.

b. Clarification and emphasis have been provided for the type of procedures that may have an effective date established by message (.26 message). A .26 message is normally used only for those SIAP's submitted with "proposed" effective dates that **DO NOT** contain fix/navigational aid (NAVAID) changes affecting en route charts. The .26 process may also be used to assign an effective date for textual departure procedures submitted to be effective "concurrent" with a proposed SIAP.

c. Clarification is provided to explain the en route charting process and that the rationale behind the nine-week cutoff dates for data submission is to ensure the en route chart will be current on the SIAP effective date.

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d. Application of the order is expanded to include all procedures submitted with “proposed” effective dates under Order 8260.19, Flight Procedures and Airspace, and is no longer limited to those procedures associated with new NAVAID commissionings.

e. The flight inspection lead time is increased to 32 vice 31 days prior to the proposed effective/NAVAID commissioning date. This change is required to allow the National Flight Procedures Office (NFPO), AVN-100, sufficient time to meet the 31-day aeronautical charting suspense to the NFDC.

f. The Instrument Procedures/Airspace Processing Schedules contained in appendix 1 are rearranged for clarity and are extended to include charting dates through the year 2004.

g. The schedules are also expanded to provide a single source document that specifies submission cutoff dates for other procedural and air traffic aeronautical charting products that must be processed through the National Flight Data Center (NFDC), ATA-110, for publication.

5. BACKGROUND.

a. Prior to the original order, when a facility was not commissioned as scheduled, a SIAP could be published but required a Flight Data Center (FDC) Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) on the effective date specifying that the procedure is not authorized. In some cases, the NOTAM remained in effect for extended periods before the facility was eventually commissioned, or a determination was made that the facility would never be commissioned. Consequently, the procedure, although published, was never authorized and subsequently had to be canceled. This directive was developed in response to a National Transportation Safety Board recommendation to ensure that instrument approach procedure charts will not be released to the public until it is known that supporting NAVAID's perform satisfactorily, that all procedural data are correct, that published en route charts and supporting avionics data bases are accurate and current to support the proposed procedure, and that the associated airspace has been properly designated.

b. This order was also developed to provide procedure specialists, flight inspection personnel, charting agents, and aircrews a shorter response time to publish and use procedures after flight inspection. However, it must be remembered that the en route charting cycle is tied to airspace actions and is not as dynamic as the cycle for terminal data. En route data including airways, NAVAID's, airspace, fixes, graphic DP's, standard terminal arrival routes (STAR's), etc., must be effective on a 56-day International Aeronautical Information Regulation and Control (AIRAC) cycle. This data is used to develop the Digital Aeronautical Chart Supplement (DACS) which is the source document for the National Airspace System (NAS). The DACS is used to develop instrument flight rule (IFR) en route charts and air traffic control radar video maps, to program Air Route Traffic Control Center computers, and is the source for the development of avionics data bases. The lead time for these products will not accommodate the 31-day suspense allowed for terminal procedures under this order. Adherence to this order will ensure improved service to the user and more complete and accurate approach charts.

6. SCOPE. This order affects the FAA's regional operating divisions, the National Flight Data Center, ATA-110; the National Flight Procedures Office, AVN-100; and the Flight Inspection Operations Division, AVN-200. It provides guidance relating to flight inspection of new/relocated NAVAID's, components of the NAS, and policy for processing and publishing instrument flight procedures.

7. PROCEDURES.

a. General.

(1) The effective date for commissioning, decommissioning, or altering a component of the NAS having a direct bearing on the IFR capability of the facility or system, shall coincide with one of the pre-established charting effective dates. Establishment of a procedure effective date shall be coordinated between NFDC and the NFPO. Commissioning notices and all information related to proposed commissioning dates of NAVAID's shall be coordinated between NFDC and the NFPO. For advance notification requirements to NFDC, refer to FAA Order 7900.2, Reporting of Electronic Navigation Aids and Communication Facilities Data.

(2) Government produced procedure charts are published every 56 days as a set of terminal procedures publication (TPP) volumes, with a change notice (CN) printed on the intermediate 28th day (except for Alaska). Both publications contain SIAP's and DP's effective on the date of the publication; however, graphic DP's may only be effective on TPP dates.

(3) Any SIAP may be submitted to NFDC as "proposed," under Order 8260.19, and assigned an effective date via message (.26 message) provided the SIAP requires no changes to en route charting. The message must be received at NFDC not later than 31 days prior to the effective date.

(4) A textual DP may also be assigned an effective date via a .26 message provided it has been submitted to be effective "concurrent" with a proposed SIAP (see Order 8260.19, Chapter 8.)

NOTE: *Graphic DP's and STAR's are controlled by en route charting submission and effective dates and may not be assigned an effective date by message.*

(5) On those occasions where a .26 message must be used to assign an effective date for a procedure that requires en route charting changes (new or re-located feeder fixes, airspace changes, new NAVAID, etc.), the flight inspection of the en route items must be completed and the applicable forms submitted to NFDC at least nine weeks prior to the effective date. Only after the en route charting items are in place and have been promulgated, may a .26 message be used to assign a terminal procedure effective date. These procedures shall be effective on TPP dates only.

b. Regional Airway Facilities Divisions shall:

(1) Establish a schedule of proposed commissioning dates for new and/or restoration dates for relocated or modified NAVAID's in the NAS. Give full consideration to

equipment delivery dates, site availability, procedure development time, installation schedules, seasonal weather factors, flight inspection scheduling, and contractor's performance requirements. Proposed commissioning dates shall be selected to coincide with an international AIRAC 56-day cycle and shall be coordinated with NFDC and the Flight Inspection Central Operations Office (FICO). Additionally, concurrence shall be obtained from the regional Air Traffic and Airports Divisions and the NFPO.

(2) Distribute proposed commissioning dates, including non-Federal navigation facilities (14 CFR Part 171) and Airport Improvement Program (AIP) projects, to the FICO and all interested offices within the affected region. Keep them advised of any anticipated delays that might be encountered in the installation of individual system components that will impact published procedures.

(3) Direct the appropriate Maintenance Control Center (MCC) to contact the FICO to coordinate a flight inspection no later than 10 days prior to the requested date. A satisfactory flight inspection of the facility and the SIAP/textual departure shall be completed by the appropriate Flight Inspection Office (FIO) at least 32 days prior to the estimated date of commissioning. After the flight inspection, operate the facility on a test basis and notify the NFPO and the regional Flight Standards and Air Traffic Divisions that the facility is ready for commissioning.

(4) Issue a commissioning NOTAM at 0901Z on the effective date agreed upon.

(5) Provide data on new, relocated, or modified facilities to NFDC, the NFPO, and the Flight Inspection Technical Support Branch, AVN-210, not later than 120 days prior to the anticipated completion of such activity.

c. Regional Airports Divisions shall: As requested, and on a case-by-case basis, provide regional Air Traffic and Airway Facilities Divisions and the NFPO a copy of the airport drawing accompanying an AIP request, a drawing accompanying the Notification of Change of Airport Status for Non-AIP Proposals, or the latest Airport Master Record. These drawings will be used by charting agencies to determine runway length, width, and alignment, as well as taxiway configuration, terminal complex, control tower, and hangar layout. These data should be submitted prior to final inspection so that charting agencies may properly depict airport configuration.

d. Regional Air Traffic Divisions shall:

(1) Take the necessary action to establish airways, routes, and STAR's to be effective on the proposed facility commissioning date.

(2) Ensure that the necessary rule-making process is completed to ensure that controlled airspace is available for the protection of planned procedures and airways, and will be effective on the planned facility commissioning date. (See Order 8260.19C, paragraph 402 and chapter 5, section 2.)

(3) Coordinate with AVN-100 on all matters affecting proposed flight procedures and airspace action requests.

(4) A requirement for minor adjustment to existing controlled airspace to fully encompass an instrument procedure shall not form the basis for withholding procedure publication. An approach procedure may be published prior to obtaining the optimum configuration of controlled airspace when the following conditions exist:

(a) The centerline of all terminal routes is located within existing controlled airspace.

(b) The procedure turn area, out to and including the specified completion distance, is contained within existing controlled airspace.

(c) The final approach fix is contained within existing controlled airspace.

e. Regional Flight Standards Divisions shall: When there is an expressed interest regarding a proposed procedure, coordinate with the appropriate FPO to ensure the actions of the concerned divisions will culminate in meeting the publication date agreed upon.

f. Aviation Systems Standards (AVN) shall:

(1) Coordinate the development of a proposed procedure based on the planned facility location. Obtain sufficient airport data and details to enable complete procedure development and determination of controlled airspace requirements (see Order 8260.19).

(2) Review the status of proposed procedures with the regional Airway Facilities, Airports, and Air Traffic Divisions to determine those procedures which can be published in the appropriate TPP or CN. The effective date of a procedure is the same date as the publication date.

(3) Forward requests for airspace action through the FPO to the regional Air Traffic Division for appropriate action, with sufficient lead time to ensure that the airspace is designated on or before the proposed commissioning date of the facility.

(4) Forward the proposed original, amended, or canceled SIAP, based on the new, relocated, or decommissioned facility, to NFDC for final administrative review and publication in the transmittal letter. Submit proposed procedures to arrive in NFDC a minimum of ten weeks before the SIAP proposed effective date.

(5) Complete a commissioning flight inspection of the facility and a flight inspection of proposed SIAP's at least 32 days before the planned commissioning/desired effective date. Complete the flight inspection of items that require en route chart changes sufficiently in advance to allow procedures information to be submitted to NFDC at least nine weeks before the proposed commissioning/desired effective date.

(6) Notify NFDC by facsimile, or other appropriate means, of the effective date of the procedure. If a "canceled" procedure is concurrent with an "original" procedure, include the effective date for the canceled procedure in the message. Include in the notification any final changes to the procedure that are required as a result of a flight inspection. If

changes are substantial, e.g., requiring re-submission of the FAA 8260 series forms, coordinate with NFDC and regional Air Traffic and Airway Facilities Divisions, etc. to establish a later effective date for the procedure. Effective date messages must be received in NFDC not later than 31 days before the desired procedure effective date. Format the message as follows:

To: ATA-110

From: AVN-100

EL PASO INTL, EI PASO, TX, ILS RWY 3, ORIG, EFF 25 MAR 99, WITH FLWG CHGS:
GS ALT AT OM 2612; AT MM 1018. TRML RTE HELEN INT TO TOMLA INT ALT
2700.

g. The National Flight Data Center (NFDC), ATA-100, shall:

(1) Publish the proposed procedure in the transmittal letter at least seven weeks prior to the proposed effective date.

(2) Publish the original/revised facility data in the NFDD as soon as possible after receipt of the .26 message.

(3) When notified by the NFPO via .26 message, publish the procedure in the transmittal letter along with any revisions indicated in the message.

8. NON-FEDERAL FACILITIES. The procedure for commissioning facilities and establishing SIAP's should be identical for non-Federal facilities approved in accordance with 14 CFR Part 171, including those established under the AIP. The regional Airway Facilities Divisions have primary responsibility for monitoring the installation progress for non-Federal facilities, including facilities installed under AIP. Prior to commissioning and establishing a SIAP on a non-Federal facility, the following requirements must be met:

a. Establishment of an agreement to operate and maintain the facility in accordance with FAA standards.

b. Availability and FAA verification of the maintenance specialist responsible for the facility.

9. DEVIATIONS. Every attempt should be made to successfully coordinate the development of a complete and accurate instrument approach procedure prior to the selection of a publication date. Any requests for deviation from the foregoing charting suspense dates shall be minimal and made to the Manager, Aeronautical Information Division, ATA-100. The request must be made by the branch manager (or higher) level with convincing justification for the deviation.

10. SCHEDULE. Appendix 1 contains a listing of the processing schedules for aeronautical products. When the specified "cutoff date" falls on a holiday, products must arrive at NFDC not later than the last workday preceding the holiday. The schedules have been adjusted to account for known holidays at the time this order was published. The

NFDC is responsible for ensuring that temporary changes to the schedules are promulgated to all concerned agencies. The Flight Procedure Standards Branch, AFS-420, shall coordinate all permanent changes to the schedules with the National Ocean Service (NOS), Instrument Approach Procedures Section; the NFPO; and with the NFDC.

11. INFORMATION UPDATE. Forward for consideration any deficiencies found, clarification needed, or suggested improvements regarding the content of this order to:

DOT/FAA

ATTN: Flight Procedure Standards Branch, AFS-420

P.O. Box 25082

Oklahoma City, OK 73125

a. Your Assistance is Welcome. FAA Form 1320-19, Directive Feedback Information, is included at the end of this order for your convenience. If an interpretation is needed immediately, you may call the originating office for guidance. However, you should also use the FAA Form 1320-19 as a follow-up to the verbal conversation.

b. Use the “Other Comments” block of this form to provide a complete explanation of why the suggested change is necessary.

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Director, Flight Standards Service

APPENDIX 1

INSTRUMENT PROCEDURE/AIRSPACE PROCESSING SCHEDULES

1999 CUTOFF DATES

2000 (LY) CUTOFF DATES

2001 CUTOFF DATES

2002 CUTOFF DATES

2003 CUTOFF DATES

2004 (LY) CUTOFF DATES

1999 CUTOFF DATES (1)

EFFECTIVE DATE	TEXTUAL DP'S INST APPROACH PROC		EN ROUTE MTR	GRAPHIC DP'S STARS	SIAP TRANSMITTAL	
	CUTOFF FOR SUBMISSION	.26 MSG (PROP IAP)	PREF RTS ARTCC BND		LETTER	
			NUMBER		DATE	
	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
* 31 Dec 98	22 Oct 98	30 Nov 98	N/A	N/A	98-25	13 Nov 98
28 Jan 99	19 Nov 98	28 Dec 98	26 Nov 98	19 Nov 98	99-01	11 Dec 98
* 25 Feb 99	17 Dec 98	25 Jan 99	N/A	N/A	99-03	8 Jan 99
25 Mar 99	14 Jan 99	22 Feb 99	21 Jan 99	14 Jan 99	99-05	5 Feb 99
* 22 Apr 99	11 Feb 99	22 Mar 99	N/A	N/A	99-07	5 Mar 99
20 May 99	11 Mar 99	19 Apr 99	18 Mar 99	11 Mar 99	99-09	2 Apr 99
17 Jun 99	8 Apr 99	17 May 99	N/A	N/A	99-11	30 Apr 99
15 Jul 99	6 May 99	14 Jun 99	13 May 99	6 May 99	99-13	28 May 99
* 12 Aug 99	3 Jun 99	12 Jul 99	N/A	N/A	99-15	25 Jun 99
9 Sep 99	1 Jul 99	9 Aug 99	8 Jul 99	1 Jul 99	99-17	23 Jul 99
* 7 Oct 99	29 Jul 99	6 Sep 99	N/A	N/A	99-19	20 Aug 99
4 Nov 99	26 Aug 99	4 Oct 99	2 Sep 99	26 Aug 99	99-21	17 Sep 99
* 2 Dec 99	23 Sep 99	1 Nov 99	N/A	N/A	99-23	15 Oct 99
30 Dec 99	21 Oct 99	29 Nov 99	28 Oct 99	21 Oct 99	99-25	12 Nov 99

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 - (2) 10 weeks prior to desired effective date - FAA Order 8260.26.
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 - (4) 9 weeks prior to desired effective date - FAA Order 7031.20. Preferred routes - FAA Order 7210.3. 90 days for ARTCC boundaries - FAA Order 7900.1.
 - (5) 10 weeks prior to desired effective date - FAA Order 8260.46 (DP), FAA Order 7100.9 (STAR), and FAA Order 8260.40 (FMS).
 - (6) Even numbered Transmittal Letters are for NFDC internal use.

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	CUTOFF FOR SUBMISSION	.26 MSG (PROP IAP)			LETTER	
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	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
30 Dec 99	21 Oct 99	29 Nov 99	28 Oct 99	21 Oct 99	99-25	26 Nov 99
* 27 Jan 00	18 Nov 99	27 Dec 99	N/A	N/A	00-01	24 Dec 99
24 Feb 00	16 Dec 99	24 Jan 00	23 Dec 99	16 Dec 99	00-03	21 Jan 00
* 23 Mar 00	13 Jan 00	18 Feb 00	N/A	N/A	00-05	18 Feb 00
20 Apr 00	10 Feb 00	20 Mar 00	17 Feb 00	10 Feb 00	00-07	17 Mar 00
* 18 May 00	9 Mar 00	17 Apr 00	N/A	N/A	00-09	14 Apr 00
15 Jun 00	6 Apr 00	15 May 00	13 Apr 00	6 Apr 00	00-11	12 May 00
* 13 Jul 00	4 May 00	12 Jun 00	N/A	N/A	00-13	9 Jun 00
10 Aug 00	1 Jun 00	10 Jul 00	8 Jun 00	1 Jun 00	00-15	7 Jul 00
* 7 Sep 00	29 Jun 00	7 Aug 00	N/A	N/A	00-17	4 Aug 00
5 Oct 00	27 Jul 00	1 Sep 00	3 Aug 00	27 Jul 00	00-19	1 Sep 00
* 2 Nov 00	24 Aug 00	2 Oct 00	N/A	N/A	00-21	29 Sep 00
30 Nov 00	21 Sep 00	30 Oct 00	28 Sep 00	21 Sep 00	00-23	27 Oct 00
* 28 Dec 00	19 Oct 00	27 Nov 00	N/A	N/A	00-25	24 Nov 00

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2001 CUTOFF DATES (1)

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	CUTOFF FOR SUBMISSION	.26 MSG (PROP IAP)	PREF RTS ARTCC BND		LETTER	
					NUMBER	DATE
	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
* 28 Dec 00	19 Oct 00	27 Nov 00	N/A	N/A	00-25	24 Nov 00
25 Jan 01	16 Nov 00	22 Dec 00	23 Nov 00	16 Nov 01	01-01	22 Dec 00
* 22 Feb 01	14 Dec 00	22 Jan 01	N/A	N/A	01-03	19 Jan 01
22 Mar 01	11 Jan 01	19 Feb 01	18 Jan 01	11 Jan 01	01-05	16 Feb 01
* 19 Apr 01	8 Feb 01	19 Mar 01	N/A	N/A	01-07	16 Mar 01
17 May 01	8 Mar 01	16 Apr 01	15 Mar 01	8 Mar 01	01-09	13 Apr 01
* 14 Jun 01	5 Apr 01	14 May 01	N/A	N/A	01-11	11 May 01
12 Jul 01	3 May 01	11 Jun 01	10 May 01	3 May 01	01-13	8 Jun 01
* 9 Aug 01	31 May 01	9 Jul 01	N/A	N/A	01-15	6 Jul 01
6 Sep 02	28 Jun 01	6 Aug 01	5 Jul 01	28 Jun 01	01-17	3 Aug 01
* 4 Oct 01	26 Jul 01	31 Aug 01	N/A	N/A	01-19	31 Aug 01
1 Nov 01	23 Aug 01	1 Oct 01	30 Aug 01	23 Aug 01	01-21	28 Sep 01
* 29 Nov 01	20 Sep 01	29 Oct 01	N/A	N/A	01-23	26 Oct 01
27 Dec 01	18 Oct 01	26 Nov 01	25 Oct 01	18 Oct 01	01-25	23 Nov 01

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	CUTOFF FOR SUBMISSION	.26 MSG (PROP IAP)			LETTER	
					NUMBER	DATE
	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
27 Dec 01	18 Oct 01	26 Nov 01	25 Oct 01	18 Oct 01	01-25	23 Nov 01
* 24 Jan 02	15 Nov 01	24 Dec 01	N/A	N/A	02-01	21 Dec 01
21 Feb 02	13 Dec 01	18 Jan 02	20 Dec 01	13 Dec 01	02-03	18 Jan 02
* 21 Mar 02	10 Jan 02	15 Feb 02	N/A	N/A	02-05	15 Feb 02
18 Apr 02	7 Feb 02	18 Mar 02	14 Feb 02	7 Feb 02	02-07	15 Mar 02
* 16 May 02	7 Mar 02	15 Apr 02	N/A	N/A	02-09	12 Apr 02
13 Jun 02	4 Apr 02	13 May 02	11 Apr 02	4 Apr 02	02-11	10 May 02
* 11 Jul 02	2 May 02	10 Jun 02	N/A	N/A	02-13	7 Jun 02
8 Aug 02	30 May 02	8 Jul 02	6 Jun 02	2 May 02	02-15	5 Jul 02
* 5 Sep 02	27 Jun 02	5 Aug 02	N/A	N/A	02-17	2 Aug 02
3 Oct 02	25 Jul 02	30 Aug 02	1 Aug 02	25 Jul 02	02-19	30 Aug 02
* 31 Oct 02	22 Aug 02	30 Sep 02	N/A	N/A	02-21	27 Sep 02
28 Nov 02	19 Sep 02	28 Oct 02	26 Sep 02	19 Sep 02	02-23	25 Oct 02
* 26 Dec 02	17 Oct 02	25 Nov 02	N/A	N/A	02-25	22 Nov 02

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2003 CUTOFF DATES (1)

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	CUTOFF FOR SUBMISSION	.26 MSG (PROP IAP)			NUMBER	DATE
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* 26 Dec 02	17 Oct 02	25 Nov 02	N/A	N/A	02-25	22 Nov 02
23 Jan 03	14 Nov 02	23 Dec 02	21 Nov 02	14 Nov 02	03-01	20 Dec 02
* 20 Feb 03	12 Dec 02	17 Jan 03	N/A	N/A	03-03	17 Jan 03
20 Mar 03	9 Jan 03	14 Feb 03	16 Jan 03	9 Jan 03	03-05	14 Feb 03
* 17 Apr 03	6 Feb 03	17 Mar 03	N/A	N/A	03-07	14 Mar 03
15 May 03	6 Mar 03	14 Apr 03	13 Mar 03	6 Mar 03	03-09	11 Apr 03
* 12 Jun 03	3 Apr 03	12 May 03	N/A	N/A	03-11	9 May 03
10 Jul 03	1 May 03	9 Jun 03	8 May 03	1 May 03	03-13	6 Jun 03
* 7 Aug 03	29 May 03	7 Jul 03	N/A	N/A	03-15	3 Jul 03
4 Sep 03	26 Jun 03	4 Aug 03	3 Jul 03	26 Jun 03	03-17	1 Aug 03
* 2 Oct 03	24 Jul 03	29 Aug 03	N/A	N/A	03-19	29 Aug 03
30 Oct 03	21 Aug 03	29 Sep 03	28 Aug 03	21 Aug 03	03-21	26 Sep 03
* 27 Nov 03	18 Sep 03	27 Oct 03	N/A	N/A	03-23	14 Oct 03
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15 Apr 04	5 Feb 04	15 Mar 04	12 Feb 04	5 Feb 04	04-07	12 Mar 04
* 13 May 04	4 Mar 04	12 Apr 04	N/A	N/A	04-09	9 Apr 04
10 Jun 04	1 Apr 04	10 May 04	8 Apr 04	1 Apr 04	04-11	7 May 04
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